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SUBJECT: DAVAR CITES SENIOR WHITE HOUSE ADVISER: PRESIDENT CARTER CONVINCED ISRAEL MUST WITHDRAW TO 1967 LINES

1. DAVAR'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT (BARNEA) REPORTED A CONVERSATION WITH A SENIOR WHITE HOUSE ADVISER LAST WEEKEND, IN WHICH HE WAS TOLD THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS CONVINCED THAT ISRAEL SHOULD WITHDRAW TO THE 1967 LINES.

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2. PRESIDENT CARTER IS NOW CONVINCED THAT ISRAEL SHOULD WITHDRAW, UNDER AN OVERALL AGREEMENT, TO THE 1967 LINES. THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR ISRAELI AND INTERNATIONAL CONTROL SYSTEMS OUTSIDE THE PERMANENT BORDERS WILL BE TEMPORARY, NAMELY FOR TEN YEARS.

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3. DELIBERATIONS WERE HELD AT THE WHITE HOUSE IN THE WAKE OF PREIME MINISTER RABIN'S VISIT, WHICH DEALT WITH THE QUESTION WHETHER THE RIGIDITY WHICH THE AMERICANS THOUGH RABIN DISPLAYED WAS A FUNCTION OF HIS DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN. A NUMBER OF WAYS WERE DISCUSSED BY WHICH CARTER COULD TRY AND INDUCE THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT A MORE

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FLEXIBLE STAND. ONE OF THESE COURSES WOULD BE FREQUENT
MEETINGS WITH AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS IN THE WHITE HOUSE,
AT WHICH EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT
FOR THE AMERICAN LINE.

4. THE ABOVE EMERGED FROM A SPECIAL TALK WITH DAVAR
WHICH ONE OF THE SENIOR WHITE HOUSE ADVISERS HELD LAST
WEEKEND. THE ADVISER RAISED A NUMBER OF POINTS DURING
THE CONVERSATION WITH THE DAVAR REPRESENTATIVE:

--TALK ABOUT PERMANENT SECURITY POSITIONS IN THE
TERRITORIES IS "FOOLISH" IN AN ERA OF SOPHISTICATED
MISSILES AND AIRCRAFT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS
NO CHANCE THAT THE ARABS WILL AGREE TO A SETTLEMENT
NOT BASED ON A WITHDRAWAL TO THE 1967 LINES. THERE
IS NO HISTORICAL PRECEDENT OF A VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT
OF SOVIEREIGN TERRITORIES.

--ISRAEL'S FEARS OF JEOPARDIZING HER SECURITY MUST BE
RESOLVED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.
THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE FIXED IN TERMS OF TIME AND
SPACE AND ON THE SCALE OF SURVEILLANCE STATIONS, LEASE
AND SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS. THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL
MOSTLY BE TEMPORARY, UNTIL PEACE IS FULLY ESTABLISHED.
THE PRESIDENT WILL STRIVE TO CONVINCE THE ARABS THAT
UNTIL PEACE IS ESTABLISHED, THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE
VITAL FOR ISRAEL.

--THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES THAT THE CRITICAL
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STATE OF ISRAEL'S ECONOMY AND MORALE CAN ONLY BE RESOLVED
BY A PEACE SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD DIVERT HER
RESOURCES AND ENERGY TO VITAL AREAS OTHER THAN DEFENSE.
MR. BRZEZINSKI ENVISAGES THAT IT WILL TAKE TEN YEARS
BEFORE A PEACE SETTLEMENT IS REACHED BY THE STAGES
INVOLVED. HE ENVISAGES ISRAEL AS THE SINGAPORE OF
THE MIDDLE EAST. THE OPENING OF NEARBY ARAB MARKETS
TO ISRAELI MERCHANDISE AND KNOW-HOW ENSURES A FURTHER
IMPROVEMMENT OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION.

--THE US IS HIGHLY CONCERNED OVER THE STATE OF THE
SADAT REGIME AND WILL EXTEND FURTHER ECONOMIC AID
TO CONSOLIDATE IT.

--PRESIDENT CARTER MEANT EVERY WORD HE UTTERED DURING
THE RABIN VISIT. HIS AIM WAS TO COMPEL LEADERS TO
LIMIT THE RANGE OF THEIR EXPECTATIONS. THE PRESIDENT
BELIEVES THAT HE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND INTENDS TO
CONTINUE THIS LINE OF APPROACH.

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--THE NUMEROUS VISITS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WHITE HOUSE ARE PART OF THE OPEN ADMINISTRATION APPROACH. SENIOR ADMINISTRATION ELEMENTS ARE CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF INDUCING JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS TO CAUSE ISRAEL TO BECOME MORE FLEXIBLE. THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A SINGLE SPOKESMAN SUCH AS MAX FISHER TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE US JEWRY. END TEXT.
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